

NWISL SPECIAL RULES FOR REFEREES

1. MINIMUM PLAYERS REQUIRED TO START A GAME:

- A) U-8 & U-10 (6v6) - 4 players
- B) U-12 (8v8) - 5 players
- C) U-14 & U-19 (11v11) - 7 players
- D) 15 minute "grace" period from start time to allow a team to field the minimum number of players.

2. NO SLIDE TACKLING IN U8 & U10

- A) Results in a Direct Free Kick, Penalty Kick in Box

3. "CHERRY PICKING" IN U8 AND U10

- A) Coaches are asked to monitor and teach their own players not to "cherry pick" during game. Players at this age may not understand that they cannot stand in front of the goal to wait for a ball, so coaches need to make every effort to teach them.
- B) If a coach does not work with their players a ref can warn the coaches that they need to discontinue the cherry picking. If a coach is making an effort a ref should not step in. There will be no stoppage of play.

4. HEADING

- A) Any *intentional* heading is forbidden in U8, U10 and U12 age groups. If any intentional heading occurs during play, the referee will call a foul; resulting in an indirect free kick to the other team.

5. PLAYER CARDS

- A) Referee must match the game sheet with the player cards at check in.
- B) No cards no play
 - i. FORFEIT to team without cards.
 - ii. Coaches MAY scrimmage as a practice. Referee may NOT officiate scrimmage.
 - iii. Only a **letter of eligibility** from NWISL will be allowed in place of a player card.
 - 1. The referee must keep this letter and mail it with the game sheet.
- C) Referee should keep players cards with game sheet until end of game.
- D) Don't forget to return player cards to coaches with game sheet

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A) Prior to a throw in for either team.
- B) Prior to a goal kick for either team
- C) After a goal by either team
- D) After an injury to either team when referee stops play
- E) At half time
- F) Mandatory substitution after a yellow card

7. COLLECT YOUR PAY PRIOR TO THE MATCH.

- A) U-8 - \$20
- B) U-10 - \$23
- C) U-12 - Center Referee - \$30 Each Linesmen - \$20
- D) U-14 Center Referee - \$35 Each Linesmen - \$20
- E) U-19 Center Referee - \$40 Each Linesmen - \$30
- F) Under no circumstances will any Center Referee receive payment for NWISL games greater than the amount designated for Center Referee.

8. GAME SHEETS

- A) REFEREE needs to make sure game sheets are **completely** filled out before the start of the game.
- B) If you Red card a player/coach you must keep player card and send it with game sheet. Cards are the Referees only form of Discipline. NWISL can only use the information it receives from referees to be able to hand out the proper disciplinary action. NWISL will always support any judgment call by the referee.
- C) REFEREE must mail game sheets, cards kept for red card offenses and **letters of eligibility** within 48 hours of completion of game. Referee must also notify their Ref Assignor that a red card(s) was issued within 48 hours of completion of game.

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9. SIDELINE PROTOCOL -This is the procedure for bad spectator conduct.

1st First Violation

- stoppage of play (but not a stoppage of clock)
- Warning from referee to respective Coach and bench.
- Warning by the respective coach to the individual/s.

2nd Second Violation (by same teams sideline)

- stoppage of play (but not a stoppage of clock)
- Issue yellow card to respective Coach and bench.
- Coach must go to sideline and warn the individual/s that the next violation will result in complete stoppage of play and forfeiture of game.

3rd Third Violation (by same teams sideline)

- **FINAL STOPPAGE OF PLAY AND FORFEITURE OF GAME.**

NOTE: IT IS NOT THE JOB OF REFEREE TO HANDLE SPECTATORS IT IS THE JOB OF CLUB COACH

10. U-8 IS INSTRUCTIONAL FOR THE PLAYERS

- A) it is the responsibility of the Ref to help the kids understand the rules of the game.
- B) After a call is made try to explain what they did wrong. In the case of a bad throw-in give them one more chance to throw after telling them what they did wrong. If they do a bad throw-in a second time, ball changes possession.

11. SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

- A) At parks or communities that have EARLY LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEMS.
 - i. **BY LAW WE MUST ABIDE BY THESE SYSTEMS**. If the siren goes off, the field must be cleared at once! Until an all clear siren is sounded, the game may not continue.
 - ii. If after 30 minutes the all clear is not sounded, then the game is ended.
 - iii. If you have finished the 1st half, **THE GAME IS FINAL**.
 - iv. If 1st half is not completed, the game will be rescheduled by the club reps.
- B) In the case of those parks or communities that do not have these systems, it is the responsibility of the referee to call the game. **THIS MEANS THAT IF ANY LIGHTNING IS SIGHTED OR THUNDER IS HEARD (AT ALL)** the field must be cleared at once!
 - i. If after 30 minutes, the condition does not change the game is ended.
 - ii. If you have finished the 1st half, **THE GAME IS FINAL**.
 - iii. If 1st half is not completed, the game will be rescheduled by the club reps.
- C) If the same referee is scheduled to ref the next game, he or she should wait until its start time to see if weather conditions change, and if the game can be played.

A club rep is the only one that can close the field for the day.

COACHES MUST RESPECT THE REFEREES CALL IN THIS MATTER

12. UNIFORMS

- A) Kids on the same team may have the same # on their jerseys.
- B) Sweats may be worn, but uniform jerseys must be worn on the outside.
- C) This is a Recreational league so some FIFA rules for attire may not apply.
- D) Players may participate if wearing a hard cast or hard splint if properly padded and with medical permission and referee approval.